



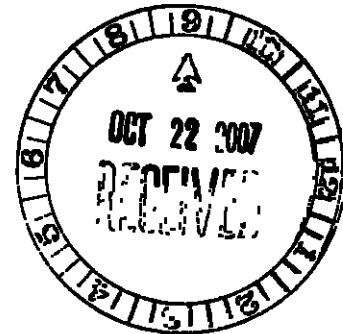
**The City of  
OKLAHOMA  
CITY**

**JAMES D. COUCH, CITY MANAGER**

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October 22, 2007

Mr Vernon A Williams  
Secretary, Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, NW, Room 711  
Washington, DC 20423



Re BNSF Railway – Abandonment – Oklahoma City, OK  
STB Docket No AB-6 (Sub-no 430)

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Office of Proceedings

OCT 23 2007

Dear Mr Williams:

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Public Record

This letter is written to request the board's reconsideration in the above-captioned proceeding. The City of Oklahoma City, which is a government agency interested in transportation and natural resources believes the subject railroad right-of-way is suitable for rail banking. While not taking a position on the merits of this abandonment, The City of Oklahoma City requests issuance of a "Notice of Interim Trail Use," rather than an outright abandonment authorization for the line between Agnew and McKinley (see attached map). In addition, we will proceed as follows:

**STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PROCEED**

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. §1247(d), and 49 C.F.R. §1152.29, The City of Oklahoma City is willing to begin negotiations on a subsequent Agreement with the Railroad and/or the Surface Transportation Board regarding transfer of ownership. Such an agreement will require environmental due diligence by the City, authorization by the City Council, and annual appropriations for maintenance.

The property extends from railroad milepost near Agnew to railroad milepost near McKinley, a distance of 1.136 miles, in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-no 430).

The City of Oklahoma City acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service.

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Mr Vernon Williams  
Surface Transportation Board

By my signature below, I certify service upon BNSF Railway Company, 2500 Lou Menk Drive,  
AOB-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Fort Worth, TX 76131, by U S Mail, postage prepaid, first class, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
October, 2007

Sincerely,

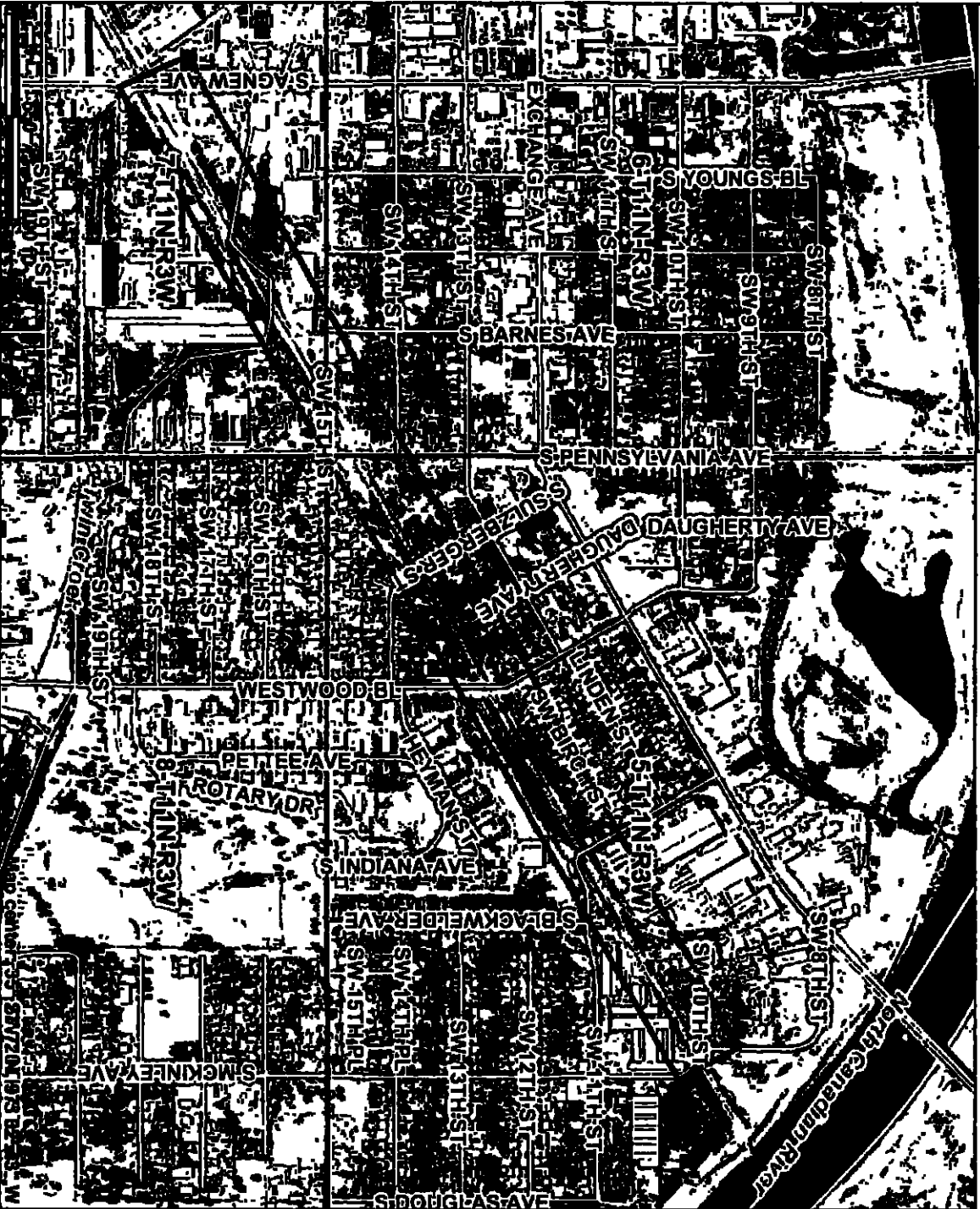


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City Manager



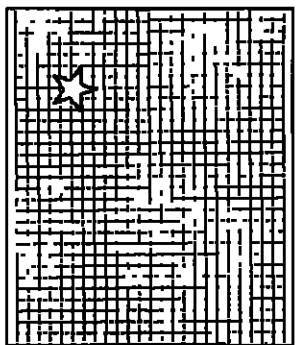
Leonard Sullivan Oklahoma County Assessor  
**ONLINE MAPPING**

## BNSF Rail Abandonment



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Notes: Portion for railbanking by City of Oklahoma City



### Legend

- Sections
- Streets
- North Canadian River
- Rivers & Creeks
- Lakes
- Aerials (from Feb 16th, 2009)
- County Background



Scale 1:9,856



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